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In re application of

Toru TSUKADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/809,262

Confirmation No.: 6379

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: March 16, 2001

Examiner: (not yet assigned)

For: FEED SCREW DEVICE

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application,  
please amend the same as follows:

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

8. (Twice Amended) A feed screw device comprising:

a screw shaft;

a nut member threadably engaging an outer periphery of the screw shaft;